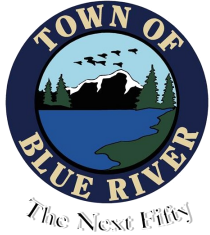


April 2016



April Blue River Mountain News

Welcome New Town Board of Trustees

On April 5, 2016, the Town of Blue River held its Regular Municipal Election. This year the town residents voted for a Mayor and three Board of Trustees. Thank you to the candidates that ran for office and to everyone who took time to cast their vote.

Election Results
Total Votes Cast: 169

Mayor
Mitchell Weiss: 135

Board of Trustees
Christine Armitage: 57
Toby Babich: 113
Tyler Brook: 75
Joel Dixon: 104
Laurel Wehrman: 70

2016 Blue River Town Board of Trustees

Mayor-Mitchel Weiss
Trustee- Toby Babich
Trustee- Tyler Brook
Trustee-Dan Cleary
Trustee- Joel Dixon
Trustee-Terry Feret
Trustee-Ken Robertson



Summit Stage Survey

Thanks to participation through the winter, the Summit Stage has agreed to continue service to Blue River through the summer. They would like your input. Whether you ride the Stage or not, take time to fill out this online survey and help keep and improve the bus service to Blue River.

<http://surveymonkey.com/r/SummitStage>

May Meetings

Planning & Zoning
Tuesday, May 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

Town Board of Trustees

Work Session
Tuesday, May 16th, 5:00 p.m.
to discuss zoning/rental units in Blue River

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 16th, 6:00 p.m.

Blue River Friends and Neighbors,

Our recent elections resulted in one of the largest voter turnouts that Blue River has ever seen with the exception of the Ruby Placer vote. Clearly, our community has chosen to get involved in the future of our town. I applaud and thank you. I believe that the Trustees you have elected are solid community members who will serve Blue River openly, honestly and with integrity. Personally, I thank you all for your vote and I pledge that all initiatives put forth by our Board will directly reflect the needs and wants of our community.

As you will see, we will reach out to you frequently soliciting your input. As Trustees, we believe that we are servants of the community and your opinions count. Ultimately, decisions we make will be community driven. The Town Board understands that we work at and for the will of the people. While we all have our own opinions, you will find regardless of our personal stance, we will act based on your input. PLEASE attend as many work sessions and town meetings as you can. Your input is critical to our future path and we welcome you.

WE WANT YOU!



We held our first meeting on April 19th. There was a solid turn out of citizens. From the feedback received, I was told there was an inviting, rejuvenated and positive atmosphere. I believe everyone enjoyed a productive initial meeting.

During our first meeting Toby Babich was appointed Mayor Pro Tem. Congratulations Toby! As a small aside....Toby has refused his monthly salary and asked that it be put toward a community outreach program. I hope this is only the first among many gold stars for our Trustees and our intentions.

The Board agreed to review the community needs and priorities very quickly. The biggest issues are fairly typical and those include road improvements, safety issues, cisterns and financial review.

One item that is high on our radar relates to the unresolved issue of short and long-term rentals. This is an item that many are concerned about and we anticipate hearing many thoughts on this subject. We will begin to tackle this at our next meeting in May. After a brief initial discussion at our first meeting, the Board agreed to take a brief step back and issue a temporary moratorium on issuing violations related to the lock off situation. The Board did agree that any on going, violations of current law as it pertains to; illegal parking, noise, trash or encroachment related to these rentals will continue to be enforced. We all have rights to quiet enjoyment of our properties and this should be respected.

The Board is very sensitive to the housing needs of our local communities and neighbors as well as the income needs of our own citizens. We understand that Breckenridge, where most of us work, has a huge housing issue. If this can be successfully turned around into a win-win situation we should consider the plus and minuses of all options. This will be a topic of much conversation, but again, the voice of the community will guide this process.

I have had some great input from our residents already. There will be much to talk about in the near future. Some ideas put forth to date include; discussion about our trail systems, possible bike path into Breck from the base of Hoosier, a community outreach program and assistance program. The Summit Stage has met with me and they are interested in maintaining our new bus route. This depends on ridership. We have a few ideas to see if we have the ability to develop some park and ride locations. Lots more to come! Let your new board get our feet on the ground and let's all look forward to exciting things to come.....like smooth safe roads!

Again, thank you all for your support. As you can see we have much to work on and we remember, "WE WANT YOU".

Respectfully,
Mitchell Weiss, Mayor

2016 Defensible Space Project

Extra \$100.00 off your project from the Town of Blue River if you

sign up by the May 1st 2016 deadline

We now offer stump grinding

Beetlekill Tree Guys (BKTG) is working on a 50/50 match grant through the Summit County Wildfire Council. Our focus is Defensible Space to help the Town of Blue River become a *firewise community*. It's mandatory by most homeowner insurance company's to create defensible space around your home so have it done by a professional, **licensed**, and **insured** company for less than half the price. BKTG has been serving Summit County since 2007 with local owner/operator, Zeb Mertes. RW&B Fire Department will give you a defensible space evaluation on your property for free. Since 2014 34 properties in Blue River took advantage of this program.

Defensible Space:

Defensible space is the required space between a structure and wildland area that, under normal conditions, creates sufficient buffer to slow or halt the spread of wildfire to a structure. It protects the home from igniting due to direct flame or radiant heat. Defensible space is essential for structure survivability during wildland fire conditions.

What can Beetlekill Tree Guys do to help protect your home?

- Remove unhealthy vegetation. Trees and shrubs that are stressed, diseased, dead or dying should be removed so that they do not become a fuel source for potential fires.
- Create defensible space on flat ground 100 feet around a home.
- Thin out continuous tree cover around a structure. Remove flammable vegetation from within the initial 30 feet around structures.
- Beyond the initial 30 feet, thin trees to achieve a 10 to 12 foot crown spacing. Clumps of 3 to 4 trees are acceptable for a more natural appearance, if additional space surrounds them.
- Prune tree branches within the defensible space up to 10 feet above ground.
- Cut grasses and weeds within initial 30 feet of structures.

Treat noxious weeds around property

Beetlekill Tree Guys is committed to educating the community on how to help our forest become a healthier and safer place. For more information on the **2016 grant project**, defensible space, and the services we provide please call or visit our web site.

Free estimates

www.beetlekilltreeguys.com

970.485.3632

beetlekilltreeguys@yahoo.com



Bears & Trash

Spring is here and the bears are starting to wake. It is important that you take precautions to avoid a bear encounter.

Never Feed Bears!

It's illegal and you will be fined. You are responsible for doing all you can to prevent conflicts with bears. If a bear gets food from you, it's like to behave more aggressively toward the next person it meets. **DON'T REWARD A BEAR FOR ASSOCIATING WITH PEOPLE!**

Store Garbage Properly!

Keep garbage in a clean, locked bear-proof container and building. **DO NOT PUT TRASH OUTSIDE UNTIL DAY OF PICK UP!** Don't contribute to resident bears becoming "Garbage" Bears! A mama and two cubs were killed on Hwy 9 in 2015 while crossing the highway to get food from containers left outside.

Blue River Town Code 7-6-130 Residential refuse disposal: Residents unable to keep their refuse container inside the home, garage, building or shed shall store their refuse in a wildlife resistant refuse container enclosure approved by the Town Marshal. All containers that receive refuse edible by wildlife must be secured inside the home, garage, building or shed. Finally, any refuse container enclosure shall be attached to an existing structure, which structure must first be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Residents, tenants, renters, lessors or occupiers of property within the Town with curbside pickup shall place their refuse containers at the curb only on the day of pickup. After pickup, the containers must be re-secured inside the home, garage, building or shed by 6:00 p.m. Please see fine schedule on page 8.

Remove attractions!

Like pet food, seed and liquid bird feeders, spilled birdseed, barbecue grills and compost piles. Clean up areas where food has been spilled. Keep pets inside your home or in an enclosed kennel at night. Bears will continue to return to the area until attractants have been cleaned up and/or removed.

Supervise Children!

Black bears are active both day and night, and have a keen sense of smell. Eating food outside and wearing clothes soiled with food will attract bears. Bears learn quickly that food is often associated with human activity. Instruct your children on what to do if they encounter a bear!

Bears Can Only Be Moved Once!

A second capture means the bear must be killed. Capturing and moving will not correct the bear's behavior. In all likelihood, another bear will move in and develop the same problem behavior if the attractants are not eliminated. Learn to live responsibly with wildlife. Remember, a trash or handout bear is a dead bear!

The Division of Wildlife has a free brochure called "Living with Wildlife...in Bear Country," which provides useful information about bears. Also the DOW has information on companies that manufacture bear-proof trashcans. Call your Division of Wildlife at 970-725-6200

Please share this information will all your guests and visitors!





FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GOOSE PASTURE TARN WATER LEVELS LOWERED

Dam repairs require lowering of water to perform maintenance on spillways

BRECKENRIDGE, CO – *April 18, 2016* – Through annual inspections, the Town of Breckenridge has identified that repairs are necessary for the Goose Pasture Tarn Dam. These repairs are needed to maintain the integrity of the dam and to keep the dam functioning into the future. These repairs on the Town's major water reservoir are slated to begin on April 20, weather dependent.

The first phase of the dam repair consists of modifications to the service and emergency spillways. This work will lower the level of the emergency spillway temporarily and will also lower the water level of the Goose Pasture Tarn reservoir noticeably (approximately 10 to 20 feet) to enable the repairs to be completed without interference from water.

Preparation work, including snow removal from the Dam, began last week and concrete core sampling is expected to begin today. Heavy equipment will be utilized for this first phase of repair work.

While the reservoir is being lowered, the flow in the Blue River below the Dam is estimated to increase by 30 to 40 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is comparable to flows in a typical early May or mid-late August time period. When this first phase of repairs are completed, estimated for late Spring, the water level of the Tarn will remain four to five feet lower than normal until the final repair is completed, which is estimated to be the end of 2017.

Located in the Town of Blue River, the Goose Pasture Tarn is the primary water storage facility for the Town of Breckenridge water customers. The Dam is an earthen structure that was built in 1965 and has received regular maintenance throughout its fifty year history.

For more information on the Dam repairs, please visit www.TownofBreckenridge.com/TarnRepairs, or call the Town's Water Division at (970) 453-3378. For information on the regulations on the Goose Pasture Tarn, please visit www.colorado.gov/pacific/townofblueriver/goose-pasture-tarn-rules.



**Goose Pasture Tarn
CLOSED to ALL
Access for spillway
repairs
through May.**

**No Trespassing
Including wetland areas!**

Goose Pasture Tarn & Permits



The Goose Pasture Tarn is set to open for the season the beginning of June. As the temperatures rise, the ice on the Tarn will begin to thaw. The Tarn is currently CLOSED to ALL access including the wetlands while work is performed on the spillway, but it's never too early to think about summer fishing and boating. The Tarn is for use by Blue River Residents ONLY! Guest may use the Tarn only when accompanied by the owner.

Tenants leasing a property in Blue River long-term (60 days or more), may have recreational rights on the Tarn provided that the property owner assigns the rights at the time the lease is executed. Homeowners renting their properties long-term, may obtain a Goose Pasture Tarn Resident Assignment of Rights form from the Town website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver. Forms must be filled out by the homeowner providing a copy of the lease listing all tenants of the property and lease expiration dates. Forms may be dropped off at Town Hall or emailed to townofblueriver-colorado@yahoo.com. Once information is received, renters will be issued a renter parking permit for use at the Tarn. Two stickers per property will be issued. Visitors renting less than 60 days are not permitted use of the Tarn.

Boat permits are required for all boats, kayaks, paddle boards or other floatation devices. The new 2016 Boat Permits are available at Town Hall for \$20.00. Town Hall is open 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.



2016 Homeowner/Resident car permits for the Tarn are also now available. Each property may receive up to two permits. Guests of homeowners may utilize the Tarn when accompanied by the homeowner.

Additional Goose Pasture Tarn Rules & Regulations

State laws adopted.

All state laws and rules and regulations of the Colorado Department of Fish, Game and Parks shall apply to fishing, boating and sailing on the Tarn, and the same are hereby adopted into this Chapter by reference as they are presently enacted and hereafter amended. For these purposes, a violation of any such state law shall be deemed a violation of this Chapter and subject to enforcement by any person authorized to enforce this Chapter. Any conflict between this Chapter and any state law or regulation shall be resolved in favor of that provision or law which is more restrictive of the conduct to be controlled.

Sec. 11-3-30. Use restrictions; identification.

- (a) Use by property owners. Use of the Tarn shall be limited to property owners with proper identification, except for duly authorized guests or tenants as further outlined below. Parents and/or children and their respective spouses and/or grandchildren of property owners residing full time on the property shall enjoy the same Tarn recreational rights as owners, excluding guest privileges.
- (b) Use by guests:
 - (1) Guests of owners may use the Tarn only when accompanied by the owner.
 - (2) Owners shall be held responsible for all actions of their guests and for any violations of this Chapter as if such violation had actually been committed by the owner himself or herself.
- (c) Use by tenants.
 - (1) Tenants of owners shall generally have no privileges on the Tarn, except as otherwise provided herein.
 - (2) Tenant is defined as a party leasing a Town property for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days or longer. A tenant may have recreational rights on the Tarn, provided that the property owner assigns the rights at the time the lease is executed. The Town shall provide appropriate forms for registration of such assignments and will maintain a file of tenants with assigned rights for enforcement purposes.
- (d) Boat use.
 - (1) Boats without identification decals shall not be permitted on the Tarn.
 - (2) To ascertain that boats used on the Tarn belong to property owners, identification decals will be issued only upon receipt of an adequate description of the boat and a statement of its size and power. The boat registration fees charged to

bona fide residents of the Town for use of the Tarn are hereby set at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year.

(3) All boats shall be subject to an annual personal safety inspection and shall be approved by the Lake Patrol Officer or Town Marshal before any boat shall receive its decal or be placed upon the Tarn. A fee will be charged for said decal.

(4) Boats placed in the Tarn shall be limited in power to the use of an electric motor to be used solely for the purpose of trolling. No internal combustion engines shall be allowed in order to limit boat size, speed of crafts and environmental damage to the Tarn by such engines.

(5) Boats shall not be stored overnight at the Tarn.

(6) Personal watercraft of all kinds, including sailboards and paddle boards, are permitted on the Tarn, provided that identification decals have been affixed to them. A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per day, not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year, shall be charged.

(e) Issuance of boat decals. The issuance of boat decals and any other identification required by this Chapter shall be by the Lake Patrol Officer or the Town Clerk, who have been authorized and so designated by the Board of Trustees.

(Prior code 4-3-3; Ord. 07-03 §1, 2007; Ord. 11-05 §1, 2011; Ord. 13-07 §1, 2013)

Sec. 11-3-40. Rules and regulations for the Tarn.

(a) Spillway area. Fishing or trespassing within forty-five (45) feet of the improved concrete portion of the spillway of the Tarn is absolutely prohibited and unlawful. Violation of this Subsection shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense.

(b) Ice fishing. Ice fishing by owners, guests and tenants shall be permitted on the Tarn as provided in Subsections 11-3-30(a), (b) and (c).

(c) Snowmobiles, cross-country skiing, etc. Snowmobiles or other snow or all-terrain vehicles and cross-country skiing are strictly forbidden on the Tarn.

(d) Open fires¹. Open fires are prohibited at all times and in all areas adjacent to the Tarn.

(e) Animals. Dogs and all other pets and animals shall not be required to be under control by a tether or leash but shall be under voice control in all areas on and adjacent to the Tarn.

(f) Hunting prohibited. Hunting of any kind is prohibited on the Tarn and any surrounding lands owned by the Town or the Town of Breckenridge.

(g) Water recreation. Bathing is prohibited on the Tarn.

(h) Commercial use. Any use of the Tarn for commercial purposes is prohibited.

(i) Limit on fish. The daily bag limit is three (3) fish, of which only one (1) may exceed twenty (20) inches in length. The daily possession limit is three (3) fish.

(j) Limit on hooks. Only single-bait hooks, single-hook flies and single-hook lures may be used for fishing in the Tarn.

(k) Overnight parking, between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise, is prohibited.

(l) Glass containers in the Tarn area are prohibited.

(m) Littering of the Tarn area by the depositing of paper or plastic products, wood, leftover food, clothing, fishing gear, fish, junk or trash of any kind is prohibited, and "pack-it-in and pack-it-out" is required.

(n) Boat docks. Licensing of the construction of boat docks shall be permitted by a licensing agreement which shall incorporate the Rules and Regulations for Boat Docks established by Resolution No. 13-05, adopted July 16, 2013, as from time to time amended.



2016 Road Projects

Starlit Lane Capital Improvement Project

- ◆ Raise roadway, cut ditches to improve drainage, realign intersection of Starlit Lane and Sherwood

Cisterns

- ◆ Completion of previous Cistern Project, install one cistern along Highway 9 north of the Tarn.
- ◆ Seeding of cisterns installed last fall - Summer 2016
- ◆ Install 6 additional cisterns will be based on funding/grant opportunities

Pennsylvania Creek Culverts

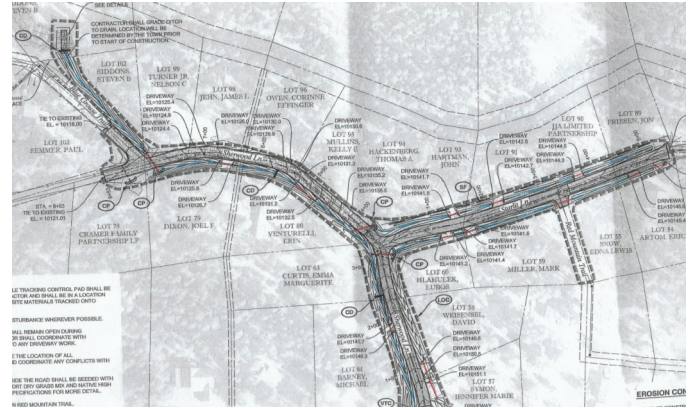
- ◆ Implement improvements to remedy maintenance issues caused by existing creek width.

Lakeshore Loop Wall

- ◆ Repair wall section from erosion. Install guardrail.

Culverts

- ◆ Inventory culverts. Repair and schedule maintenance where necessary



Sherwood Forest Road Project

Moose Are Out & About

Moose have been sited in town by Blue Rock Springs and Rustic. Please use caution while driving and keep an eye out while walking dogs. Moose will attack if they feel threaten. Last year three moose were killed by vehicles along Hwy 9 through Blue River.



Blue River's Leash Law



Pets are a very important part of our life here in Blue River. With that comes the responsibility of keeping both pets and people safe. The Town of Blue River does have a strict leash law in place. It is unlawful for pets to be off leash and not in physical control of the owner. The leash law was enacted for the safety of residents, visitors and other pets. Please be sure to keep all pets on a leash within the town.

The Town Marshal is patrolling the Town. Violators will receive a warning or a fine. If you find a pet out without a leash, we ask that you contact our Town Hall at 970-547-0545 . We appreciate everyone's help in keeping our animals and neighbors safe.

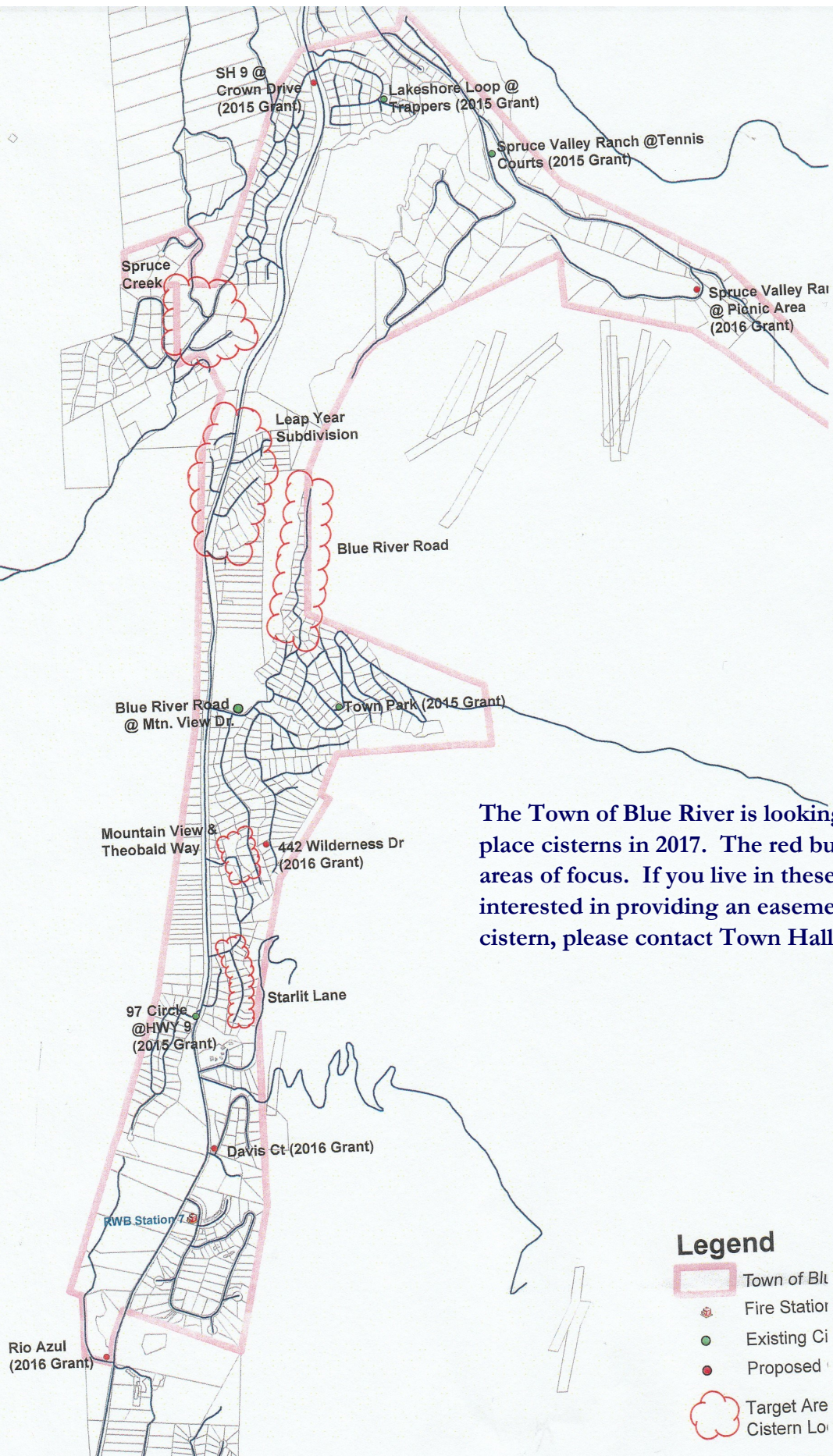
Fine Schedule

1st Offense-\$50

2nd Offense-\$100

Subsequent Offense within 18 months-\$200







RIDE THE STAGE!

Safety Suggestions for Blue River bus riders!

Please arrive at your bus stop a couple minutes early and wait as close to the bus stop sign as possible. **Rushing to a bus stop along a busy highway can be dangerous** (and you might miss the bus!)

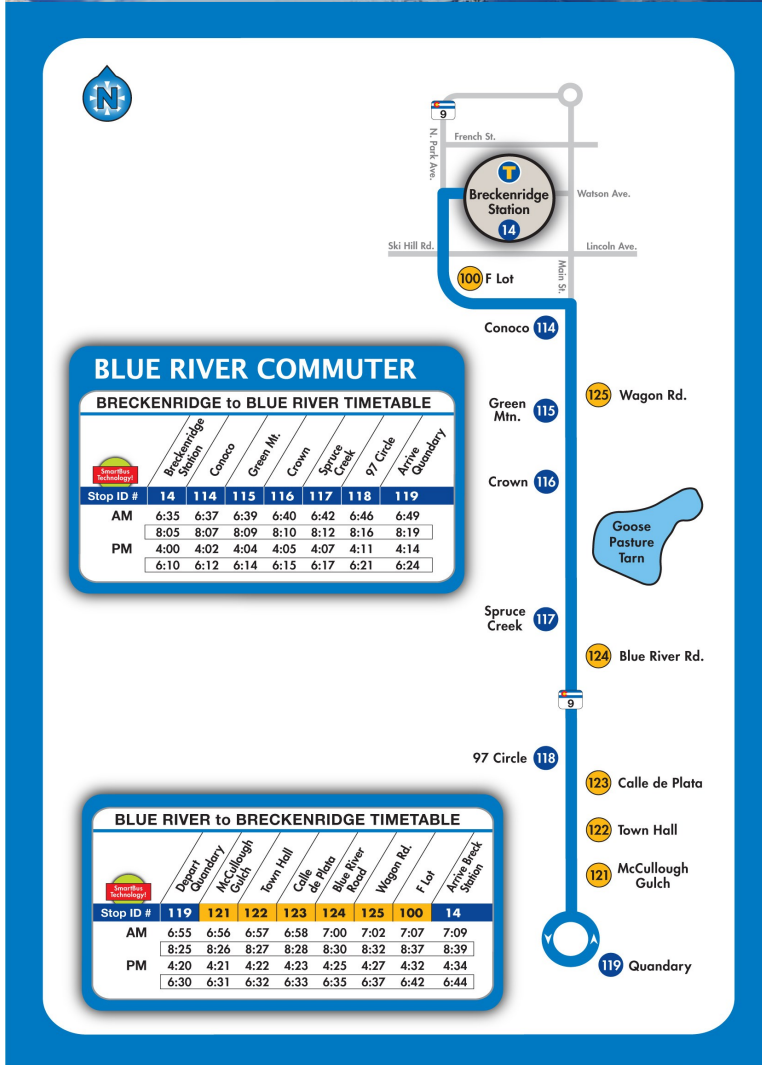
Several bus stops require the bus to block an intersection while boarding riders. We hope to minimize the interruption of traffic, so **please be ready to board when the bus arrives**. This will shorten the time the bus blocks the intersection.

If you are a motorist who is blocked by a bus stopped at an intersection, please be patient and the bus will move out of the intersection as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please **DO NOT CROSS THE HIGHWAY** to board or exit the bus. Use the nearest bus stop on your side of the highway.

For example, if you are headed to Breck and your stop is at 97 Circle, please board the southbound bus there. Ride the bus to the Quandary turn-around where the bus reverses direction. It will then head northbound to Breck. It will only take a few more minutes, but it is much safer than trying to cross a busy highway!

Thanks for helping us maintain our excellent safety record!
We look forward to serving you on this new bus route.



The Summit Stage Bus Service has been a great success. Thank you to all who have ridden the bus and helped to keep it going. Please share bus information with friends, families and visitors in Blue River. If you own a rental home, please provide information on this great service.

Above is a map of the bus stops and times as well as a list of safety tips from Summit Stage. Schedules are available at Town Hall or may be downloaded at www.summitstage.com or on the Town website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.

PARKING!! Please note that there is limited parking along Whispering Pines Circle ONLY. This is parallel parking only and is limited in space, off of the main road. Parking is restricted to this area and there is no overnight parking available. Signs indicate area available.

There will be **NO parking** available at the remaining bus stops or on Town roads. There is also no parking available at Town Hall/Municipal Court.

Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.

Blue River Building Permits



In the Town of Blue River, permits are needed for a variety of items. These include: building permits; staining and re-staining; sheds; landscaping; roofs; interior construction; electrical; and tree removal to name a few.

Applications are available at Town Hall and online. **BEFORE** doing any construction or improvements to your home and property check to make sure whether or not a permit is required. In many cases approval is also necessary from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Fees for permits vary based on work being performed.

In addition to permits, any contractor working on your property in the Town of Blue River is required to obtain a Business License. The fee is \$50/year.

Inspections must be scheduled by 4:00 p.m. the day before. Inspections called in on Fridays, will be scheduled for Monday. For questions about permits, to schedule an inspection and to obtain applications, stop by Town Hall or call 970-547-0545.

Permits Required for:

Staining

Sheds

New Construction

Additions/Remodel

Garages

Electrical

Plumbing

Tree Removal

Interior Remodeling

Excavation

Roofing

Siding

Fences

For a complete list, applications and fees, visit www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.



Got Numbers?

The Red, White and Blue Fire District received a grant to assist in making sure all homes have 911 addresses. The house numbers are vital to assisting fire and emergency personnel in locating your home in an emergency. Red, White and Blue Fire District provides FREE reflective address signs to residents of Blue River. To have a firefighter come install numbers at your home, please email: mitigation@rwbfire.org.



Tree Cutting & Fire Permits

The Town of Blue River encourages residents to take advantage of the Defensible Space Program and help identify ways to protect property in the Town. Section 7-5-110 of the Town Code addresses the Town's Forest Management Code. The purpose is to preserve the rural mountain character of the Town by minimizing the removal of live trees while protecting the life and property of the residents of the Town by establishing minimum wildfire mitigation standards. The provisions are intended to aid in the prevention and suppression of fires and to lessen the hazards to structures from wildfires as well as the hazards to wild land from structure fires. A permit is required to remove trees from your property. Applications are available on the Town's website at www.colorado.gov/townofblueriver.



Recreational Fires (Campfires)

The following type of recreational fire is allowed at all times regardless of the burn index: (Exception: If the Governor or Town issues a burn ban or if a Red Flag Warning is issued by the State or Federal Forest Service). 1. Any recreational fire three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet or less in height, which has been permitted through the Fire District. 1.1 Limited to property owner. 1.2 Fire must be in a campfire ring and used for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purpose. 1.3 The fire shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit.

Conditions, which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition. 1.4 The fire shall be constantly attended by a competent adult, until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as a fire extinguisher or a garden hose connected to a water supply, shall be readily available for use. To obtain a fire permit and more information, contact the Red, White and Blue Fire District at 970-453-2474.

Home Energy Assistance

The Northwest Colorado Council of Governments has home energy assistance programs for low-income residents. Assistance includes caulking/weather stripping; insulation; storm windows; furnace tune up; minor repairs; furnace replacement; refrigerator replacement. Assistance is free of charge and available to homeowners and renters with an agreement with the landlord. Income restrictions apply. If you receive LEAP, TANF, OAP, and SSI, SSDI or SNAP, you automatically qualify. The improvements will be made by the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments weatherization specialist, through federal and state grant monies. For more information call 1-800-332-3669.

Trash Code

As snow has fallen on the ground and new visitors come to our mountain community, it's important to remind everyone of the importance of Blue River's Trash policy. The bears may be on sabbatical for the winter but many other animals are busy keeping fed throughout the winter. All trash containers must be secured inside the home, garage, building or shed. A reminder that trash may not be put out until the day of trash pick up. After pick up, containers must be re-secured. Dogs, fox, coyote and birds do get into the trash and create a messy nuisance for the town. Please inform your property management companies, and renter of this important code. Citations will be issued to property owners for any violation of this town code.

Fine Schedule

1st Offense-\$50

2nd Offense-\$250

Subsequent Offense within 18 months-\$300



Cisterns 2016 & Future

Over the last two years, the Town of Blue River has been very active in the installation of cisterns throughout the town. Fire protection is a top priority in both Summit County and the Town of Blue River. In fall 2014, the Town of Blue River partnered with the Red, White and Blue Fire District to install four 2,600 gallon cisterns along Blue River Road. Cisterns assist the fire department in fire response where fire hydrants do not exist.



In 2015, the Town of Blue River applied for and was granted a grant in the amount of \$75,000 from the Department of Local Affairs. The Town of Blue River matched the funds with another \$75,000 to bring total to \$150,000 for the installation of cisterns in five locations throughout the Town. Four were installed in 2015 and a fifth will be installed in the spring of 2016. An addition six cisterns will be installed in 2016.

This is an ongoing project that the Town Board of Trustees are committed to funding each year. The Board of Trustees is looking to the residents in seeking land easements for placement of the cisterns. **Areas of focus are Mountain View, Starlit, Blue Rock Springs, Leap Year, Blue River Estates, Upper Spruce Creek Road, Golden Nugget.** If you are interested in providing an easement, please contact Michelle Eddy, Town Administrator for more information 970-547-0545.